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Home Department, Mantralaya,
Mumbai 400 032
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To

The Chief Electoral Officer, General Administration Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
All Divisional Commissioners,
All Commissioners of Police, Superintendent of Police,
All Collectors & District Election Officers in Maharashtra.

Sub :Availability of additional manpower for maintaining security at polling booths during ensuing State Assembly Elections.

It is necessary to augment availability of manpower for maintaining security at polling booths during ensuing State Assembly Elections, the following instructions are issued for information and necessary action:

1. Home Guards: The Commandant General will supply the Home Guards as requested by Director General and if there is any shortfall the same should be met by Civil Defence personnel. It should be also ensured that the staff ordered for election purposes actually join duties.

2.Forest: Forest staff, other than those engaged in Sanctuary duties, have already been deployed for election purpose. In case of any shortfall of security personnel, the District Election officers are requested to spare such number of forest personal from polling duties for security duties alongwith police as may be required. Staff of wild life sanctuaries may not be requisitioned.

3. Transport: It was reported that large number of transport officials have also been requisitioned for election duties. About 1/3rd of them may be spared for checking illegal transport of passengers/voters in vehicles on the polling days. The remaining staff, if necessary, may be deployed for security duties with police officials.

4. Excise: It was reported that a sizeable number of excise officials have also been taken for election duties. 1/3rd of them be spared for enforcing dry days during the elections. The remaining staff may be utilised for security duties if required by the local SP/CP.

5. NSS: The services of NSS boys, particularly those who have attended camps can be utilised for security duties. Director General of Police would issue detailed instructions in this regard.

All such officers and men from other Departments or volunteers other than Home Guards will have to be appointed as Special Police Officers u/s 21 of the Bombay Police Act. it may be ensured that they fulfil the conditions prescribed in the law. They should not be deployed outside town or village of their ordinary

residence. They should always be deployed alongwith a regular police officer/police man and for polling booth security only. Home Guards can be deployed in the usual manner.

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